

China-Korea-U.S. Economic and Environmental Modeling Workshop

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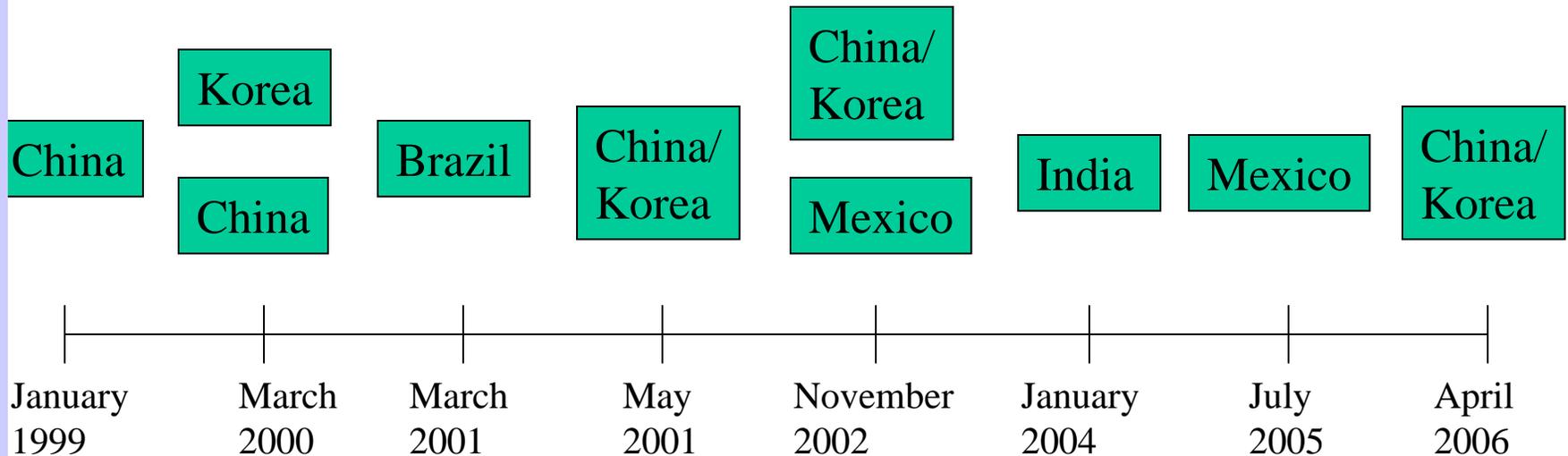


Workshop Goals

- Strengthen cooperation between China, Korea, and U.S. on climate economic issues
- Improve understanding of one another's models
- Encourage discussion of methods, models, and results
- Promote collaboration
- Strengthen connection between modelers and policymakers
- Ultimately, improve modeling to better inform policy makers



Workshops to Date



- Each participating country is a large developing country with substantial greenhouse gas emissions.
- Future streams of emissions from these countries will have impacts on the global climate system.
- Workshop in 2007 tentatively proposed for South Africa.



Nature of the Workshop

- Technical in nature
- Open discussions and exchange of views
- Not a forum for debating climate change policy positions
- Not launching new basic research on economic modeling



U.S. Views in Brief

- U.S. not ratifying Kyoto Protocol
- U.S. remains active party to Framework Convention process
- U.S. has domestic program to control GHGs and has set a goal of 18% reduction in emissions intensity of GDP by 2012
- More information on U.S. climate change policy:
<http://www.state.gov/g/oes/rls/fs/46741.htm>



U.S. Bilateral Partnerships

- U.S. has bilateral partnerships with 14 key countries to address climate change
- U.S. has bilateral agreements with China and Korea to enhance existing projects and explore new opportunities
- Economic modeling workshop is part of these bilateral agreement



Role of Economic and Environmental Modeling

- Make significant contributions to design of climate policies
- Examine the feasibility and likelihood of attaining a policy goal
- Find least cost solutions to achieving climate objectives
- Identify promising cost-effective technologies
- Address distribution and equity questions

